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SUBJ: NAVAL VISIT TO LENINGRAD (U)

REF: A. ALUSNA MOSCOW CONF LTR OF 29 MAY 69 W/ AMB MOSCOW END-1
(NOTAL)

B. CNO LTR OP-61 SER 0266 OP61 OF 16 JUL 69 (NOTAL)

1. (C) SUMMARY. EMBASSY BELIEVES VISIT TO LENINGRAD BY USN SHIP
THIS SUMMER TO COINCIDE WITH OPENING CONSULATE GENERAL WORTHY OF
CONSIDERATION BY WASHINGTON AT THIS TIME. ACTION REQUESTED.
GUIDANCE
BOR APPROACH TO SOVIETS IF DECISION IS FAVORABLE. END SUMMARY.

2. (C) IN REF A ALUSNA MOSCOW PROPOSED AN EXCHANGE OF SHIP VISITS
WITH THE SOVIET NAVY. AMBASSADOR BEAM EXPRESSED AGREEMENT IN PRIN-
CIPLE, BUT FELT THAT TIMING WAS NOT RIGHT. HE NOTED THAT ESTABLISH-
MENT OF US AND SOVIET CONSULATES IN RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES WOULD
PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION FOR VISITS. CNO IN REF B SUGGESTED THAT THE
PROPOSAL BE REEXAMINED BEFORE SCHEDULED OPENING OF CONSULATE
GENERAL
IN LENINGRAD.

3. (U) CONSUL- GENERAL (DESIGNAGE) LENINGRAD ACTICIPATES FORMAL
OPENING ABOUT 4 JULY 1973. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT SOVIETS WOULD
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BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO SUCH A VISIT NOW THAT U. S. MILITARY
ENGAGEMENT IN VIETNAM HAS ENDED AND ASSUMING SOVIETS WOULD BE
GIVEN OPTION OF RECIPROCAL VISIT TO SAN FRANCISCO. EMBASSY
ACCORDINGLY RECOMMENDS, AND CONSUL- GENERAL (DESIGNATE) CONCURS,
THAT A U. S. NAVY SHIP CALL AT LENINGRAD SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO
COINCIDE WITH CONSULATE OPENING CEREMONIES.
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